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Devadatta

He rules the province of
Singarh
with such scrupulous care
that all
the rubbish, in the shape of
food and
raiment, has been cleared
away ; only
the skin and bones remain.

Sumitra

And Shila ?

Devadatta

He keeps his eyes upon the
trade;
he relieves all merchants of
their ex-
cessive profits, taking the
burden upon
his own broad shoulders.

Sumitra

And Ajit ?

Devadatta

He lives in Vijaykote. He
smiles
sweetly, strokes the land on
its back
with his caressing hand, and
whatever
comes to his touch gathers
with care.